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SUBJECT: IREX EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

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1. PLEASE ADVISE KASSOF AND MATTHEWS OF FOLLOWING SITUATION ON GRANTEES CLICK AND STEAKLEY, WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM THE U.S. AND HAVE APPLIED FOR VISA EXTENSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED DURING THE DECEMBER 8-9 DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN IREX AND THE GDR MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. IN CONSULTATION WITH PROFESSOR GROTELUESCHEN OF HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY, THEY WERE ADVISED THAT BOTH WOULD RECEIVE A THREE WEEK EXTENSION OFR THE TIME THEY WERE AWAY ON CONSULTATON IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. CLICK WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONALLY ONE MONTH MORE, TAKING HER THROUGH MARCH 5, BUT THE GDR WANTS TO SUBTRACT THIS FROM THE TWENTY-MAN MONTH TOTAL FOR THIS YEAR. GLICK HAS EXPRESSED UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE EXTENSION ON THESE TERMS AND WOULD LIKE IREX ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED.

4. STEAKLEY HAS BEEN GRANTED ACCESS TO THE MUEHSAM PAPERS FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HAS DISCOVERED THAT THE LIBRARY HAS A COMPLETE TYPESCRIPT OF THE MATERIAL SUPPOSEDLY AVAILABLE ONLY ON MICROFILM. HOWEVER, GROTELUESCHEN SAYS THAT THE MINISTRY WILL EXTEND HIS STAY ONLY THROUGH FEBRUARY 15 AND NOT COMPENSATE HIM FOR THE THREE MONTHS LOST DUE TO LACK OF ACCESS. HE HAD REQUESTED A VISA EXTENSION THROUGH APRIL 15 (TWO MONTHS), WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS REJECTED.

5. P AND C OFFICER CONTACTED MATTER AT MINISTRY TO ASCERTAIN ACCURACY OF SITUATION AS REPORTED BY GROTELUESCHEN. MATTER CONFIRMED THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO GLICK. CONCERNING STEAKLEY, WHEN REMINDED OF ORAL AGREEMENT TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TIME LOST, MATTER SAID THAT HE COULD NOT MAKE A FIRM STATEMENT AT THIS TIME IN ABSENCE OF AN EVALUATION FROM HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY AS TO HOW MUCH TIME STEAKLEY HAD ACTUALLY LOST, SINCE HE HAD HAD ACCESS TO OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING SOME ON MUEHSAM. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CALL THE EMBASSY ONCE HE HAD THIS INFORMATION.

6. IREX MAY WANT TO CONTACT THE MINISTRY REAFFIRMING ITS POSITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN BERLIN IN DECEMBER. COO PER

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